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ROADS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any projects for construction and maintenance of border roads in North-Eastern States, including Sikkim during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the status of construction and the estimated time for completion, project and state-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure completion of the projects in a time-bound manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. State wise details of projects initiated for construction by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in border areas of North-Eastern States are given below:

Name of State	Number of Roads	Time for completion	Status of works
Arunachal Pradesh	9	2014 to 2022	Work in progress
Assam	1	2014	
Manipur	1	2019	
Sikkim	6	2014 to 2017	

In addition Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRT&H) has formulated the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-East (SARDP-NE) for upgradation of National Highways and State roads.

(c) & (d): Government has taken following measures to expedite the road projects:

(i) Chief Secretaries of various State Governments have been requested to constitute Empowered Committees to resolve issues related to land acquisition, environmental clearance, allotment of quarries etc.

(ii) Regular monitoring of forest / wildlife / environment clearance cases is being done.

(iii) Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF) has given the general approval for diversion of forest land required for construction / widening of roads entrusted to BRO in the area falling within 100 kilometers aerial distance from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and for link roads between Border Roads in the area within 100 kilometer aerial distance from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and National Highways / State Highways / Other roads subject to certain conditions.

(iv) Modern machineries / equipments have been approved for procurement and outsourcing has been allowed to augment capacity of BRO.